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**RE: Delay of Water Level Measurements  
Temporary Designated Soil Stockpile  
Waukegan Harbor Superfund Site Remedial Action**

Dear Mike:

This letter confirms my voice message to you Friday 30 May 1997 and our telephone conversation earlier today. While attempting to collect a water level measurement from the sump manhole of the Temporary Designated Soil Stockpile (Stockpile), I discovered that a seagull has built a nest on top of the sump. The nest contains eggs that have not yet hatched and it could not be disturbed because nesting gulls are protected by a migratory bird treaty. Access is difficult overall because gulls are nesting along the entire internal roadway that leads to the Stockpile and are very protective of their nests. Therefore, measurements of the Stockpile sump can not be made until the eggs have hatched and the young vacate the nest. The eggs in many of the other nests have already begun to hatch. A seagull expert with whom I spoke indicated the chicks leave the nest within about a week or so of hatching. Based on this information, we hope to be able to access the sump again sometime during June.

The last reading was 32.5 inches above the measurement point, leaving about 5-6 inches before water would reach the action level. We do not anticipate a concern with the level of water in the sump during the nesting period. I also did a general look-over of the cover while at the stockpile and it appears to be in good condition.

I will keep you informed of any further developments. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding on this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 847/689-5228 or Roger Crawford at 847/689-5219.

Sincerely,

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